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CRITICISM OF BRITISH COMMANDERS

Indulged in by London Press and People, and There Were Many

PATHETIC SCENES ENACTED

At the War Office When the Long List of Casualties Was Posted.

LONDON, Dec. 14.-While the outwardly calm attitude of the press and people here during the present orisis commands admiration, there is an un-decurrent of intense indignation against the war office and the government, which threatens to have ous addition in the blunders of the generals and the further evidences of the break-down of the transport and intelligence departments which are departments which are dicted this morning, even in high mil-itary circles, that the South African campaign will last until June. It was also expected that General Methuen would have to retire south of the Orange river, as it was claimed he could not hold out long at the Modder river, where his ammunition and food suppiles were not expected to last over week. In fact it was said that his line of communications was probably al-ready cut, and it was claimed that General Gatacre was similarly weakened by his reverse and the revolt of the Colonists, and it was added that he might have to choose between a seige and

The afternoon papers of all shades of politics follow the morning papers in facing the situation courageously and demanding the immediate dispatch of reinforcements. Thus the radical Star

"The stake the gambler Chamberlain has thrown on the table is not merely South Africa, but the empire. It is too late to regret the game. We have no choice but to play it, even if it involves sending abroad the militia. Our arm-ies in South Africa must be amply reinforced."

scenes at the war office this morning when General Methuen's casvalties were posted were highly dramatic. There was a steady incursion of anxious inquirers from the moment the ors opened, and there was intense excitement when an official appeared learing the ominously long fact of names. The women present crowded eagerly forward and begged for poples of the lists. But the supply was not sufficient and the official read out the list. Intense feeling was evident on all

It was a memorable scene. Some of the women were so overcome that they had to be assisted from the room.

MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony Tuesday, Dec. 12. — Details gathered here by a representative of the Associated Press among the wounded British and Doers give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight at Mag-ers/ontein. The Highlanders did all that the most gallant troops in the world could do, but it was impossible to face the terrible fire of the Boers. The Brit-ish artillery again saved the situation and divides the honor of the day with the Scots. The batteries worked for hours under a galling rifle fire.

According to the Boer stories it was mpossible for the burghers to have escaped fearful loss. One Boer prisoner said a single lyddite shell killed or wounded over seventy, and that two ther shells burst over two bodies of Boers ensconced behind the range, doing fearful damage. All agree that the Boers fought throughout with the utmost gallantry. Their sharpshooters scidom missed the mark.

A Seaforth highlander says that while he was lying wounded on the field he saw a Boer of typical German appearance, faultlessly dressed, with polished top boots, a shirt with silk rufles and a cigar in his mouth, walking among th ant hills, picking off the British. He was quite alone, and it was apparent from the frequent use he made of field glasses that he was singling out offi-

Another wounded Boer says that a shell fired on Sunday fell in the middle of an open air prayer meet ing held to offer supplications for the uccess of the Boer arms.

All the wounded are full of praise for the treatment they received from the medical department on the battle field While the guards were advancing on Plain, which the Boers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encoun-tered and cut up a strong Boer picket.

Posted on a hill, for purposes of observa-tion. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded or taken

MORE TROOPS Being Mobilized for South Africa.

Sortie at Ladysmith. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The war office this evening made the following announce-

ment: "The Sixth division has been mobilized and four battalions of this division will have embarked by Sunday.

"The government has also approved of the immediate mobilization of the

Seventh division. The war office has received the follow

The war office has received the tollow-log dispatch from General Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:

"General French wires, under date of December 12, reporting a skirmish at 4 Sclock in the morning with 1,800 Hoers, who were advancing southward toward Nawupoort. The skirmishing contin-ued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. Our casu-

altias were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer, and two missing." including one officer, and we missing."
A special dispatch received here from Woenen, Natal, dated Monday, December II, says that the Ladysmith garrison had made a sortle, and destroyed the Modderspruit bridge.

The queen has sent a message of deep sympathy to the widow of General Wauchope.

LORD METHUEN

Boer Guns. LONDON, Dec. 15.—4:45 s. m.—The var office is still without news from La dysmith, other than that already pub lished. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encour tered at Mageratontein were partly drawn from Natal, and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

The newspapers are calling on the overnment to employ the Cunarders as all as the White Star steamers as well as the White Star steamers are transports, seeing the urgent necessity for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent from England without calling on the militis for foreign service. The militis affective is 100,000, and from this body 20,000 carefully selected troops could easily be spared for South Africa. Moreover, the colonies are again profering sasistance. The greatest need, therefore, is speedy transports. Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen, and take command of the comined forces.

and take commander forces.

The Dally Chronicle's Modder river dispatch, which is at variance with all the other representatives, reports Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder river, as the result of renewed arrillery firing that day. The

of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says:
"Thesday afternoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his force out of range, and concentrated at Modder river."
Orders have been issued at Woolwich oprepare another slege train to go out with the Seventh division.

Were Enormous at Magersfontein. Havoc Made by Naval Guns.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 14.—Ambu-lances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell

at Magersfontein.
Brigadier General Wauchope, who led the Highlanders' brigade, was found dead near the trenches. Several wound-ed Boers were taken to the British hospital. The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about. One wounded Boer Informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. Their whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from the information gleaned from the Boer wounded and from prisoners taken in differt parts of the field, the Boer losses must exceed 700. The destruction wrought by the navat guss was encorrous. Was enormally was present along the Boar lines to prepare to retreat at nightful. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

FINANCE BILL.

Representative Overstreet Says in Will Pass on Monday by a Major ity of About Thirty-six if the Full Strength of Those Favoring it

is Present. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.-Repesentative Overstreet, of Indiana, in charge of the financial bill now under consideration in the house of represen tatives, said to-day that the informal canvasses thus far made showed that the bill would pass on the final vote next Monday by a majority of about thirty-six, in case the full strength of both sides was present. This is based on the calculation that the full Republican vote, 185, and eight Democrati votes, will be recorded for the bill, and that seven other Democratio members will refrain from voting. Mr. Over-street says it is established beyond question that not one Republican vote will be recorded against the bill.

THE ROBERTS CASE.

More Direct Testimony Will be Produced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12,-Sb witnesses are expected to arrive here from Utah on Monday next to testify against Mr. Roberts, of Utah, namely, Mrs. Dr. Luella Miles, Mrs. McDougall, Thomas J. Brandon, Ray Brandon, Dr Wishard and J. R. Letcher. They were advised by Chairman Tayler, (Ohio), of the house investigating committee, that necessary traveling expenses would be guaranteed, and on this understanding they will come without the formality of subpoenas. They are expected to give evidence relative to the polygamous re-lations of Mr. Roberts, from more direct and personal knowledge than that possessed by the witnesses heretofore heard.

WEST VIRGINIA SENATORS

Placed on Important Senate Com mittees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Sen ator Scott has been placed on the comator Scott has been placed on the com-mittees on contingent expenses, mines, manufactures, public buildings and railroads, and Senator Elkins is placed on the committees on postoffices, printing and rules, in addition to other com-mittees on which he hitherto held a place. These are important committees and the placing of West Virginia's senators in these important positions is a matter of congratulation to their constituents, as evidence of their recogniz-ed ability.

VICTIMS OF THE MAINE

Will be Shipped Home by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The navy department has given notice that any person claiming the remains of any of the victims of the Maine explosion be-fore the Texas arrives at Hampton Roads with the bodies from Hawans, which will be in about fifteen days, may have them sent to their late homes for burial at the expense of the depart-ment.

SATISFACTORY CONDITION OF

Withdrew His Torce Out of Range of Is Reported as Existing in Zamboanga-Skirmishing Continues, but

FOUR THOUSAND SPANIARDS

Reld as Prisoners by the Pilipino Insurgents, Have Been Liberated.

MANILA, Dec. 14, 11:30 a. m.-A de tachment of Colonel Hayes' cavalry, under Lieutenant Arnold, has captured Riscabato, the mountain stronghold where the last insurrection was ended

with a peace treaty. A large quantity of munitions of war was secured. Major Batchelor's battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry, is making slow progress in the Aparri valley. The villagers are giving the colored troops banquets and balls everywhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. - General Otis cabled as follows:

"MANILA, Dec. 14.—Lieutenant Bat-son, Ninth cavairy, organized four large companies of Macabebe scouts, had advance of Lawton's troops and attended Young's cavalry in northwestern Luzon, Batson leading with conspicuous gallentry in several hard-fought engagements. On November 19 he was seriously wounded in the foot; amputation is probably necessary. Can he not receive majority in some staff corps as reward for efficient service?"

General Otis also cabled the war de-

partment as follows: MANTIA Dec. 14.-General Lawton "MANIIA, Dec. 1s.—General lawon reports Bulucan province freed of in-surgents yesterday. Troops of Fourth cavalry captured a strong mountain position, Biacabato, with food supplies. clothing, a cartridge factory and bar-racks. MacArthur's troops occupied Ibs and a town south on the western coast of Lusan, with slight opposition and a few light casualties. On the 8th inst. Bates reported from Zamboanga that he has garrisoned Basilan and is sending troops to Cottobato and Davao, that the condition or affirs is satisfac-Rightsen hundred Spanish pris oners have been received in Manila, and over two thousand more are en route; thirteen hundred shipped t Spain on the 18th inst. These prisoner are in much setter product copied than the Spanish troops which surredered when Manila was capitulated.

LITTLE INTEREST

In House Proceedings-The Debate on the Currency Bill Proceeded. Ceremonies at Mt. Vernon Attracted the Gallery Spectators.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.-The debate on the currency bill in the house to-day was tame and prosalc. The at-tendance, both in the galleries and on the floors, was light, and none of the speeches made attracted especial atten

publicly announced his change of views on the money question, and who it was thought might vote for the bill, stated

that he would vote against it. Mr. Thayer, a Massachusetts Demo-rat, was the only member of the oppo-tition who made a speech for the bill

other speakers to-day The other speakers to-day thesesses. Crumpacker, (Indiana): Lovering, (Mass.): Omstead, (Penn.); McCleary, (Minn.); Boutelle, (Ilis.); and Graff, (Ilis.) Republicans in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Cox. (Tenn.); Lewis; (Ga.); Lanham, (Texns); Sibley, Casn.); Burke, (Texas); Tery, (Ark); (Penn.); Burke, (Texas); Terry, (Ark); Ball, (Texas); Gilbert, (Ky.); Berry, (Ky.); Atwater, (N. C.); and Jett, (Ills.), Democrats, against it.

PRITIGREW RESOLUTION

In the Senate Was Laid on the Table.

Christmas Recess Agreed On. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.-The enate to-day, by a decisive vote, and ractically without discussion, laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents' flag and had turned wer Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. It agreed to the house Christmas cess resolution and agreed to meet to morrow to receive reports on the com-position of its committees for this Com-

gress.

The senate agreed to the house resolution for a Christmas holiday adjournment on the 20th of December until the 3rd of January, and then at 1:05 p. m.,

NOT SETTLED

Where Republican National Convention Will be Held.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Four cities are striving to-night for the favor of the members of the Republican na tional committee, and at a late hour to-night veteran members of the committee said that they had no idea where the next Republican national conven-tion would be held. It was apparen that few members had committed themselves. The four municipal aspirants are New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis. The Philadel-phia delegation is the largest on the ground and is making strong claims of its strength in the committee. Chicago claims 26 votes, which is more than a majority. New York and St. Louis claim a good fighting chance.

thur S. Hardy, of New Jersey, to Greece, Roumania and Bervia; Law-

tugal.

To be secretaries of legations—Lloyd C. Griscom, of Pennsylvania, at Constantinople: J. C. McNally, of Psunsylvania, to Guatemala and Honduras.

DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM

At Edgewood, Pa., Completely Destroyed by Fire-Panic Ensued But All Are Believed to Have Been Saved-Origin of the Fire Supposed to Be a Bursted Gas Pipe. PITTEBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Western Pennsylvania Institute for deaf and dumb, situated at Edgewood, was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon. The five hundred pupils in the building were panic-stricken, but they quickly secured control of them,

and it is believed all were saved.

The institute was an immense four story brick building which covered an acre of ground and was considered one of the best institutions under the care of Pennsylvania. Children from all parts of the state were pupils of the school, where they received a thorough general education and were taught

general education and were taught trades.

The loss is placed at \$150,000, with insurance of \$100,000. The origin of the fire while not positively known, is believed to have been caused by a bursted gas plpe. While the confusion and excitement was great there were no accidents to pupils or teachers.

Officials of the institute say the school will be rebuilt at once. The pupils are being taken care of temporarily at the Home for Aged Couples, which is close by and at the homes of the residents of Wilkinsburg. Definite arrangements will be made for their disposition to-morrow.

CORONER'S VERDICT

On Carbonado Mine Disaster-Exam-

iners to Pass on Disaster.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—A special to the Ledger from Carbonado, Wash., says: The cononer's jury investigating the mine disaster, to-day rendered the following verdict:

"We find that the thirty-one men

"We find that the thirty-one men-giving their names, came to their death by an explosion of gas from some un-known cause.
"We find that the Carbon Hill Coal Company used due diligence to keep the mine free from gas for the safety of its employes and has compiled with the state mining law and we attach no blame to the said company.
"GEORGE E. MACMARTIN,
"Foreman."

"ALPHEUS DAVID,

"ALPHEUS DAVID,
"Secretary."

One witness, it is stated, said the men frequently amoked in the mine when the bosses were not around.
Governor Rogers was an interested spectator at the inquest and intends to have the state board of coal mine examiners pass on the disaster and the mine committee.

BOY TERRIBLY BURNED

By an Explosion of Blassing Powder. Near Clarksburg.

Special Dispatch to The Intelligencer. CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 14.-Floyd Parrish, aged fourteen years, of Adamston, fooled with a full keg of powder last night, a spark fell from his mining lamp, and a terrific explosion followed, completely wrecking the sion followed, completely wrecally the smoke house and horribly burning the boy's face, hands, arms and legs. The mother soused him in a tub of water and saved his life. Neighbors extin-guished the flames in the smoke-house. The boy's condition is precarious.

Important Railway Project. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 14 .-The Monongahela River Railroad Company has filed in the county clerk's office here maps and profiles of a proposed branch railroad running from the main line at Enterprise up Bingamon Fishing Creek, in Wetsel county, to Smithneld, where it will connect with the West Virginia short line railroad. The distance will be fifteen miles. The road is important because it opens a new territory rich in timber and coal; and will be used in the development of and will be used in the development of the 5,000-acre tract of land recently purchased by the American Coal and Coke Company, of Fairmont. The work of construction will begin early next spring.

Lanler Coal and Coke Company. Special Dispatch to the Intelligences

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14 .- The Lauler Coal and Coke Company, with a paid-up capital of \$85,000, was organizpald-up capital of \$5,000, was organized here to-day. The principal stockholders are: Col. Albert Thompson, of
Davis, West Virginia, and J. E. Hall,
A. G. Dayton and C. F. Teter, of Phiippi. The company has bought up and
pald for one thousand acres of coal
land near Bellington and will develop it.
It has twenty-five coke ovens already
constructed and twenty-five additional
ovens are to be built at once. The
outlook for success is said to be first
class.

Unknown Man Killed by Cars Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 14.— An unknown man was struck by the St. Louis express, west-bound, near Sandy Hook, to-day. He was brought bere, where he died. A letter was found in his pocket from Philip Dyeth, of Omaha, Nebraska, addressed to Philip Maitheis, Granite, Md. He had four dollars and a bundle of clothes. He looked to be about thirty years old. St. Louis express, west-bound, near

Appropriately Commemorated

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BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The death of General George Washington, one hundred years ago to-day, was appropriately commemorated in Boston. The exercises in observance of the day were generally held indoors, the participants including school children of all grades, patriotic societies and literary organizations. Flags were at half mast on the city hall and on all of the school houses.

A Child's Abnormal Thirst. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 14.-Ma

mie Bustard, aged four years, drank more than a pint of whiskey last Mominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: To be United States ministers—William P. Lord, of Oregon, to the Argentine Republic; Herbert W., Bowen, of New York, to Persia; Ar-

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR,

Adopted a String of Resolutions Touching Various Labor Problems.

WANT THE ARMY REDUCED

The Vexed Question of Theater Employes in Fair Way of Settlement.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.-Sentiments of the delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention on various pending labor questions were declared to-day in the adoption of a string of resolutions reported out by committees.

A resolution declaring for reduction of the standing army to 25,000 men was adopted, after striking out the first paragraph, which read as follows:

"Whereas, The tendency of the present administration is to unnecessarily increase the number of men in the

Other resolutions were adopted as follows: Urging state legislatures to outlaw all kinds of competitive convict labor; against permitting slavery in the Hawaiian islands; restirming seamen's demands; congratulating F. W. Palmer, public printer, for paying in-creased wages, in his own discretion, to printers and book binders; favoring same leaves of absence for employes of naval yards and arsenals, as for other government employes; appropriating \$500 in aid of Cramp shipyard strikers; inviting the letter carriers to affiliate with the federation, and providing a special organizer for the Pa-

Resolutions were adopted this afternoon to aid in the introduction and rec-ognition of the stamp of the Coopers' union; asking boiler makers, iron ship builders and horse shoers to refrain from working upon the product of a Troy, N. Y., iron company on account of the company having refused to treat with the Coopers' union; boycotting a Chicago terra cotta-making concern because it joined a brick makers' alli-ance, and refused to recognize the union; declaring for giving all possible assistance toward advancing the sale of pottery ware bearing the n

the Buffslo 'longshoremen for having gained every point for which they con tended in their fight against the "sa loon boss stevadore" system: resolving that the federation, through its officers and organizers, give special aid to the tobacco workers in pushing a boycott against all brands of tobacco made by both the American and Continental Tobacco companies; reindorsing the Tobacco Workers' blue label; requiring all affiliated labor unions to vigorously assist in pushing the tobacco boycott and requesting every union man to demand the blue label upon all tobacco or cigarettes he may purchase. Vice President O'Connell took the stage to prefer serious charges against the three foreign fraternal delegates; their made" watch to British Delegate Haslam; an engraved gold-headed walking stick for his collague delegate, Walker, with a brooch for Mrs. Wilkie and a diamond ring for Canadian delegate

Carey. The committee on reorganized lock out of the Detroit stage employes reported having met the local theater managers and with them prepared an agreement, which is in a fair way to being accepted by both parties, agreement contained an arbitration clause and other features acceptable to employers and employers. This report was accepted and the committee

thanked and continued.

The convention decided to hold no morning session after roll call to-morrow. The half day is to be devoted to committee work.

Mon-Union Music Don't Go.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—The annual banquet of the American Federation of Labor, held in the Griswold House, to-night, lacked the usual accompaniment of orchestral music. reason was that the orchestra provided for the dinner was discovered to be non-union. The latter fact was duly reported in to-day's convention, along with a resolution declining the invitation to the banquet tendered by the local committee. Despite assertions of the Detroit men that it was the best they could do under the circumstances, the difficulty would not down until it was announced that the music would be left out of the programme.

VETERANS

Of the Spanish-American War-Officers Elected.
TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 14. - There

were about fifteen men present at a meting to-day to perfect the organiza tion of the Spanish-American war vet erans' association. A session is being held for the adoption of a constitution and then the association will be incor-porated. A telegram was received from Colonel W. J. Hulings, of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania regiment, who has just arrived from Europe, in which he agreed to accept the commandership of the organization recently tendered him The organization was perfected by the of these officers: Commander in chief, Wm. J. Hulings, of Pennsylvania; vice commander, Colonel James B. Coryell, of Pennsylvania; adjutani general, Win. Christopher, of Pennsylvania; quartermaster, Colone E. W. Hine, of New Jersey: inspector, Colonel George W. Taylor, of Virginia; judge advocate, Colonel R. M. Townsend, of New York:

signal officer, Colonel James B. Tytes, of Teamessee; chaptain, Captain H. Jones, of New Jersey.

GEN. BROOKE INDIGNANT.

At the Assertion That He Objected to Being Relieved—"I Am a Sol-dier and Obey Orders."

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—Governor Gen-eral Brooke is indignant at the reports cabled from Washington, which repre-

cabled from Washington, which represent him as having protested against the order of the President, relieving him of the governorship of Cuba. He says:
"I awn a soldier and obey orders. I would direct the arrest of any officie who protested against my order, and would always render to a superior althority the respect which I would exact from a subordinate."

His friends, however, express the opinion that he has not been treated with due consideration. They think that some intimation should have been given him of the contemplated change, whereas as a matter of fact the first knowledge he had that he was to be removed and be succeeded by Major General Wood was derived from newspaper dispatches.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 14.-The SANTIAGO DE CIDA. Dec. 19—18 news of the appointment of Maje General Wood as governor of Cub was received here with enthusiana Even the most bitter Cuban national lata agree in praising him as a soldie and an administrator.

MOLINEUX CASE.

Still Dealing With Expert Testi-

mony.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—To-day's proeedings in the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams were largely devoted to a hearing of the testimony of William J.

J. Adams were largely devoted to a hearing of the testimony of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert. Mr. Weeks, in his cross-examination, asked Mr. Kinsley if he had siven all of the reasons why the "Barnet" and "Cornish" letters, the admitted handwriting specimens of the defendant and the poison package address must have been writien by one individual. The expert replied in the negative, and replying to another question, proceeded to enjarge upon the subject. Mr. Weeks suddenly charged his mind as the expert commenced to discuss new features of the poculiarities of the poison package address, and attempted to shift the line of questioning by calling attention to the fact that the witness had forgotten some of the points after studying the case for nearly a year at the rate of \$35 per day.

It is thought that when the cross-examination of Mr. Kinsley by Mr. Weeks is complisted the next step its kin by the state will be the introduction of medical testimony for the purpose of proving that the poison in the brome setzer bottle in reality caused the death of Mrs. Adams.

IMPOSING CEREMONIES

Attend Appointments by the For

The Pontis in Good F ROME, Dec. 14.—The pope, at the consistory, announced the appointdelegate to Canada, as metropolitan of Larino, and of Mgr. Frederic Eisaux to the unlied sees of Sault Saint Marie and Marquette.

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The consistory was held in the Salle Regia, with the usual grand ceremonial and in the presence of the diplomatic corps, the Roman nobility and many prominent strangers.

The pope appeared to be in good health. He smiled continually and was in an excellent humor.

A secret consistory in the Sistine chapel followed, at which the pope delivered an allocution of a wholly religious character and performed the ceremony of opening and closing the mouths of the new cardinals.

The poniff was much acclaimed, especially in the ducal hall, where crowds witnessed the procession.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from Rome says that at the consistory to-day the pope installed the Bishop of Havana.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

Preparing to Contest Governor Taylor's Election

FRANKFORT, Dec. 14.—The state central, executive and campaign committees of the Democratic party, in seernor and lieutenant governor, and en-dorsed the action of minor candidates in filling their contest before the state con-testing board. A committee, consisting of ex-Governor McCreery and four other prominent Democrats was appointed to draft resolutions in accordance with the vote of the committees, to report later.

First Lafayette Dollar.

PHIEADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 14.-The first Lafaverte dol'ar, the unique specimen authorized by Congress in aid of

men authorized by Congress in aid of the fund for the erection of the La-fayette monument in Paris, was struck off at the United States mind in this city to-day. This coin will be presented by the President of the United States to the president of France. Fifty thousand of the coins will be struck and are to be disposed of at a cost of 33 apiece. The second coin struck off was forwarded to Mrs. McKinley, while the third was given to Mrs. Kate Thyson Marr, of Washington. The coin is a legal tender dollar, and bears upon its face a double medallion of the heads of Washington and Lafayette, and on the reverse a ministure reproduction of the squestrian statue of Lafayette, with the inscription, "In Commemoration of Monument Erected by School Youth of the United States to General Lafayette, Paris, France, 1800."

January Interest Anticipated

WASHINGTON. Dec. 14.-Secretary Gage has decided to anticipate the January interest on United States bonds outstanding. This interest will amount to about \$5,500,000, and will be paid be-ginning to-morrow, without rebate.

Weather Forecast for To-day. West Virginia—Snow and colder Fri-day; fair Saturday; fresh northerly winds; low temperature will continue neveral days. Western Pennaylvania—Snow Friday;

Western Pennsylvania—Bnow Friday; colder in southern portion; fair Saturday; fresh northerly winds; low temperature will continue for several days. Ohio—Snow Friday, except fair in southwestern portion; colder in southeast portion; fair Saturday; low temperature will continue for several days; fresh northerly winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature vesteriary as observed.